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Guests of the StimsonsMISS BARBARA STEPHENS.  
Who Will Be Introduced to Capital  
Society Today.

Mrs. J. D. Works, wife of Senator Works, of California, and Mrs. William D. Stephens, wife of Congressman Stephens, of California, will entertain at a large reception this afternoon from 5 until 7 o'clock at the Congressional Club, when Miss Barbara Stephens will be introduced to Washington society.

Palms, ferns, and baskets of pink roses will form the decorations of the clubhouse and a string orchestra will play throughout the afternoon.

Mrs. Work will receive the guests in a room of gray chaise longue with a tulle of gray chaise longue, richly embroidered in crystals. Mrs. Stephens will wear turquoise blue satin and lace, and her daughter will wear a French gown of white lace draped in pale green chiffon and finished with a wash of American Beauty colored satin. She will carry a shower bouquet of pink roses.

Assisting in receiving the guests and dispensing the hospitalities of the afternoon will be a large number of California women from Congressional service and residential circles and a number of debutantes of this and last season. Among those assisting will be Mrs. George P. McLean, of Connecticut; Mrs. William S. Kenyon, of Iowa; Mrs. Miles Folger, of Washington; Mrs. George T. Oliver, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. C. Needham, Mrs. J. R. Nolan, Mrs. Kahn, Mrs. E. A. Hayes, Mrs. William Kent, and Mrs. J. E. Baker, all of California; Mrs. Joseph McKenna, Mrs. J. E. Henderson, Mrs. Frank W. K. Lane, Mrs. A. F. Fechteler, Mrs. A. A. Fries, Mrs. E. R. Grumley, Mrs. L. L. Lemont, Miss Lemont, Mrs. Henry P. Oxnard, Mrs. Samuel Adams, Mrs. Leonard Wood, and Mrs. Lambert Jordan.

## Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Augustus Newton have sent out cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Earlene Andre Newton, to Maurice Joel Page. The wedding took place Tuesday afternoon, December 31, at the home of the bride's brother, W. H. H. Newton, at West Haven, Connecticut, the Rev. F. S. Kenyon, of Christ Church, officiating in the presence of a small gathering of relatives and friends. Owing to the illness of the bride's mother the wedding was quiet. Miss Irene Page, sister of the bridegroom, was the bride's only attendant and J. G. Perry, of Washington, was best man.

After an informal reception Mr. and Mrs. Page left for their future home at 2 Arnold Circle, Cambridge, Mass. The bride, who has a large circle of friends in Washington, lived here for several years before her marriage.

The President and Mrs. Taft will be the guests of honor this evening of the series of Cabinet dinners given each year by the members of the Cabinet to the President and Mrs. Taft, will be followed on Thursday by the next on the list, which is given by the Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham. After the dinner the President and Mrs. Taft will go to the charity ball at the New Willard, where they will occupy the Presidential box.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Taft arrived in Washington today from Cincinnati, and will be guests at the White House for several days. Miss Helen Taft will be among the guests of her aunt, Mrs. Laughlin, at dinner this evening, and after the dinner she will accompany Mrs. Laughlin and the other guests to the reception and dance which the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer are giving at their residence on Scott circle.

Numerous dinner and theater parties will precede the Charity Ball, which is being given this evening at the New Willard for the benefit of the Children's Hospital. The guests will be received by Mrs. Frederick McGuire, Mrs. Henry C. Corbin, Mrs. Churchill Candee, Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Mrs. Frederick Leach, and Mrs. Preston Gibson.

Miss Romano Lefevre, sister of Senator Don J. E. Lefevre, first secretary of the Panama-Peru canal, who is spending the winter with him at the Portland, will go to Baltimore at the end of this week to visit her niece, Miss Anita Ehrman and Miss Rosita Ehrman, who are students at the Notre Dame College.

Madame da Gama, wife of the Brazilian ambassador, who has been ill at a hotel in New York for a week, is rapidly recovering, and will be able to return to Washington within the next two or three days. The ambassador has a box for the charity ball tonight, in which he had hoped to introduce Madame da Gama at her first large ball in Washington.

Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury, of Philadelphia, who took a box for the charity ball tonight, has been detained in that city, and will turn her box over to friends.

Mrs. Percy Belter, as chairman of the reception committee of the Women's Democratic League, will hold a reception at her residence in New Hampshire avenue on Wednesday, from 4 to 7 o'clock, when the members of the league and their friends and invited guests will be received. Mrs. Horace Westcott, Mrs. Preston Gibson, and several others will pour tea. Wednesday is Jackson Day, and was on that account chosen by the members of the league as the day for the reception.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer entertained at luncheon today the officers of the British cruiser Natal, which brought the body of the late ambassador to England and the late ambassador to this country. The officers will remain here for three days, and besides luncheon today, an official program has been arranged for them which includes the reception at the home of the Secretary of the Navy and visit to the charity ball at the New Willard, also tonight. Other features of their program is a visit to the President at the White House, and a dinner with the Secretary of War as host.

Mrs. Thomas G. Patten, wife of Congressman Patten, of New York, will arrive in Washington today and join Mr. Patten at the New Willard, where they will remain for the week, and then go to the Hotel Powhatan for the season.

Mrs. Robert Hollister Chapman entertained informally at luncheon today at her residence in Q street to meet Mrs. Fisher, of England, and the late ambassador to this country, and Mrs. Baker, of South Carolina, who is the guest of Mr. Justice and Mrs. Lamar.

A large audience will attend the Columbia Theater this evening when "Millions" will be given for the benefit of Goucher College, formerly the Woman's College, of Baltimore. The sale of the tickets has been in charge of the Washington chapter of the alumnae of the college.

Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, daughter of President-elect and Mrs. Wilson, will not be able to attend as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chase Palmer, as has been expected, owing to a previous engagement. Miss Wilson is a graduate of Goucher.

Madame Clara Butt, Uncrowned Queen of Singers,  
Is Best of Mothers and Friends, Says Julia MurdockContralto and Her Husband  
Will Appear in Sunday  
Concert Here.

If the foremost critics of the world, supplemented by the demonstrations of appreciation by people of all musical communities where she has appeared, are to be believed, Washington is shortly to have the opportunity of listening to one of the greatest singers in the world when Madame Clara Butt and her husband, Kennerly Rumford, are presented at the New National Theater, under the local direction of T. Arthur Smith, next Sunday evening.

Accompanied by their three beautiful children, the couple landed in New York a few days ago in response to contracts that call for the first American tour of these artists, who have carried delight and broken all records the world round.

To find a parallel to the attractiveness of Madame Butt, the ideal of the British public, one must go back to the days of Patti, Albani, and Sims Reeves. Madame Butt is nowadays the uncrowned queen of song; the only singer who can draw an audience large enough to fill those ten or twelve thousand seats at the Albert Hall; almost the only singer who is at all effective in that painfully vast arena. Madame Butt's voice is not only big, but carries wonderfully, so that even her piano notes can be heard all over the house. It is a contralto of the richest and most powerful caliber, yet one under such perfect control that the most delicate numbers receive a new beauty at her hands.

Splendid Reception  
Given Her in England.

Prior to coming to this country, Mr. and Mrs. Rumford enjoyed a short vacation between the time of the concert of the triennial Handel festival, at the Crystal Palace, and their participation in the Birmingham musical festival. Then followed other engagements in Liverpool, Bristol, Edinburgh, Sheffield, Brighton, Bournemouth, etc., and a continental tour that included Berlin, Paris, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Leipzig, Hamburg, St. Petersburg, Moscow, etc.

Following their final concert in Albert Hall, just before Christmas, the public demonstration reached a climax never before aroused by any singer in the memory of the Britons. Interviewed that evening, Mme. Butt, with shining eyes and face radiant with happiness, declared that during the whole course of her career she had never had so astounding a reception.

"It took me entirely by surprise," she



MME. CLARA BUTT AND KENNERLY RUMFORD.

said. "What the matter is with everybody, I can't think, or is there something the matter with me that they rave and go on like that? It is, at any rate, a good omen for my visit to America. Oh, yes, I love America and Americans; they are so genuine, so thorough, so demonstrative," and then she laughed one of those deep resonant laughs of hers, that seem to send thrills up and down your spine, for the

thought had come to her suddenly that the British nation had that afternoon not been undemonstrative!

Best of Mothers  
And Generous Friend.

Clara Butt is one of the best of mothers and the kindest and most generous of friends. Her love for her three children is so intense as to be almost a happiness, and their interests before all

Rumford as Pleased With  
Her Successes as With  
Paudits for Self.

else, and, as a man who knows her intimately remarked the other day, "if it came to choosing between abandoning a two thousand dollar engagement, and breaking a promise to take her children to the zoo, I do believe she would scrap the engagement then and there."

When they were small children she used to take them on tour with her. It was a case of traveling with two, and sometimes three nurses, in addition to her own maid and other attendants; but she didn't care about that.

Impetuous, emotional, possibly more erratic even than most artists, she never stops to think when she wants to do anyone a good turn, and few indeed even of her most intimate friends have any idea of the way she has helped along artists of merit at times when luck seemed to be going dead against them.

Husband Is Pleased  
With Tributes to Wife.

Passimists have sometimes wondered that Kennerly Rumford is not jealous of his wife's phenomenal success, for it is well known that plenty of artists' husbands resent their wives receiving too much adulation from a worshipping public. But Rumford is emphatically different from the husbands of many artists—besides being himself a singer of considerable repute, he has brains, and no man with brains is going to let any idea of the way she has helped along artists of merit at times when luck seemed to be going dead against them.

Without disparagement of her vocal powers it may be said that Madame Butt's charm of personality goes a long way toward securing her phenomenal success for her staleness of presence is such as to confer distinction on any concert platform; and it is given to few to unite in themselves such graces of person and art, as those which in Madame Butt exert so potent a sway, and enable her to play upon the emotions of an audience with such exquisite artistry.

She is a fine figure of a woman, tall, apple, perfectly proportioned, quietly in her movements, and with a charm of feature which lingers in one's memory even when the last faint remembrance of her beautiful voice has died away.

JULIA MURDOCK.

For The Times' Children  
Just Before It's Bedtime

## THE SHEPHERD BOY AND THE KING.

ONCE upon a time a shepherd boy stood on the hill watching his flock playing about in the meadows at his feet. He was poor, but his coat was well mended and he had a nice lunch in his basket.

In the distance he saw coming along the road a long procession with trumpets blowing and bright flags flying in the wind. There were soldiers on horseback and coaches with prancing steeds and at the head rode the king in a carriage drawn by four coal-black steeds.

The shepherd boy, whose name was Tony, looked at his lunch in the tin pail, at the shabby coat and muddy boots on his feet and sighed over his fate.

"How I wish I was rich and powerful like the king," he said to himself. "I would love to live in a palace and wear a crown."

The king as he passed glanced at the boy in the field. He was weary of his grandeur and sighed for the simple life of the peasant.

"If I could only get rid of this tiresome pomp and run about in the fields like that boy," he said aloud.

Just then the coach broke down and the king ran to the road to watch the men fix it, while the king sat on the roadside with his royal robes wrapped about him. Tony looked at the fine robes with longing eyes.

"How would you like to change places, little man?" laughed the king. "Very much, indeed," replied Tony. "But would you like to tend sheep?"

The king glanced at the sunny skies, the green fields and the quiet flocks. "I would be very glad to take your place," he said, sadly. Now it happened that a woodcutter lived in the tree above their heads and heard all they had said.

"I will grant your wish," he said, "and for a year you shall exchange places. The boy shall be king and the king shall be a shepherd boy."

As she waved her wand the king found himself changing into the boy's likeness and the shepherd saw he was growing to look exactly like the king.

In a moment they stood completely changed. So the delighted boy stepped into the gilded coach and drove off to the music of the drums and bugles, and the king, now a peasant, ran about the fields gaily among the flocks.

The boy, who was now king, enjoyed his first week at the palace hugely. He lay in bed all day and ate candy and cake and rode about on fine ponies. But he soon felt that no one liked him and that all had a contempt for his selfish existence. Then there were enemies in the court, and he began to fear for his life. He could not sleep at night for fear that some one would hurt him in his sleep and he was afraid to eat, as some one might have put poison in the food.

So day by day he grew thinner and more unhappy. He wasted away, and in the midst of all his fine robes and riches he never knew a moment's peace. The golden crown seemed to weigh a

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Architect Is Buried.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 6.—H. E. Sitter, a former prominent Boston architect, was buried privately yesterday. He had a national reputation as a designer of school and college buildings.

LOCAL MENTION

"The Dead Are Silent." Great Drama. Today. Virginia.

## Dates For At Homes

Mrs. Towner, wife of Congressman Towner, of Iowa, will receive at the Farragut the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Mrs. Gudge, wife of Congressman Gudge, of South Carolina, and her daughter, Mrs. John W. Langley, will receive Tuesdays of the month at the Burlington.

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Miss Wood, sister of Congressman

Wood, of New Jersey, will receive at the Cochran tomorrow, assisted by the ladies of the New Jersey delegation in the Senate and House.

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## Seen in the Shops

Strange and as it may seem, the flatterings of spring are in the air, and the wily shop-keepers are concocting fresh styles, new goods, and divers means of extracting the hard-earned dollar from the prospective purchaser. It seems almost ghastly to think they are planning on taking from us the money which is even as yet not earned! Women's hats are to be small, alluring and coyly suggestive of veils, which will of course, be found in great profusion and range of price. Hat brims are narrow and crowns are head sizes, the tam-o'-shanter crown still promising to enjoy a limited amount of popularity. The department store at the corner of Eleventh and F streets and the woman's store at the corner of Thirteenth and F, have both received advance spring fashions for Southern wear.

From the manufacturers comes the word that, since ratifac is to be strongly favored, native buttons have been invented. This distinct novelty is made of ratine arranged in sections and joined together by means of white cotton cord. This effect is best in the ball shape. The button shop, which is on the north side of G street, between Ninth and Tenth, will back these buttons from any material submitted.

A few of the late fall styles gave an indication of the aeroplane hat, a marvellous creation for the ultra-stylish woman. The length of this creation is from front to back, and even an aeroplane parasol, whose length runs in the same direction, is to be carried. On the first floor at the back, the department store at the corner of Eleventh and F streets, has the parasol department, where all of the latest styles are to be seen. It will probably be some

time before the extreme styles mentioned reached the Capital City.

Another shop is having a book sale. Thousands of volumes of the latest fiction went on sale at 25 cents each at the department store at Eighth street and Market square. This sale began Saturday. The store is made by a prominent publishing firm and are brand new, the reason for their remarkable price coming from the fact that a few of the pages are creased or folded over, or perhaps just a little short of the proper width.

Girl, Seven, Says Boy Of Eight, Stole \$1,000

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6.—The young informant in the history of the St. Louis police department was revealed when Stella Schwartz, seven years old, told the police her sweetheart, Roy Chester, eight years old, had stolen more than \$1,000 from a neighbor.

She said Roy crawled through a window of the home of Joseph Tomiak, the Saturday afternoon, and stole \$900 in money hidden in a can, a gold watch, valued at \$20, and \$20 in notes.

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